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September 1, 2023...Mark this date on your calendar in red because it is not just any day.

With the beginning of the 2023 fall semester, Itawamba Community College will celebrate its 75th anniversary; however, birthdays such as this milestone deserve more.

At convocation this month, we are introducing a year-long celebration, which we are delighted to share with you, especially through our social media outlets. There will also be special events that will incorporate pages from our past, which are significant components of where we are today...a long way from our roots in a cotton and cornfield. And, how we have grown!

From an initial investment of \$4,000 in 1948 and buildings on the Fulton Campus constructed from second-hand lumber from Camp McCain, Itawamba Community College's footprint has woven its way through Tupelo and most recently, to Belden. At last count, it includes 1,414,873 square feet of buildings and 195 acres. Our community now includes our friends and neighbors from Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee,

Monroe and Pontotoc counties and beyond.

But, with all that growth and expansion, we haven't forgotten the reason we celebrate our success and our upcoming birthday. You, who have been and, in some cases, continue to be, our students and alumni. You are the best part of our story. You are making an impact not only in the workforce but also in your community and applying the knowledge that ICC's faculty, many of whom are ICC alumni, have shared with you since the college opened its doors in 1948. It's not just the information from textbooks and now from ebooks. It's life experiences, the value of which is priceless.

We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation to our donors and partners whose generosity over the years has enabled us to provide the best start for our students.

I hope that you will join us as we celebrate this milestone, and as I said in the last issue of Connection, the best is yet to come. I look forward to sharing this journey with you. Happy 75th birthday, ICC!

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## *From the* FOUNDATION



FOUNDATION CHAIR

BUDDY MONTGOMERY

I am excited to begin serving as Chair of the Itawamba Community College Foundation Board...what an opportunity!

The beginning of the 2022 fall semester is on the horizon...Soon, if not already, all three of ICC's locations will be opening its doors to new opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

Honors students will move into Magnolia Hall, which formally opened on the Fulton Campus, July 13. During multiple orientation sessions this summer, incoming freshmen have explored the opportunities that await them at ICC as well as register for classes. At the Tupelo Campus, faculty continue to provide an impact on the healthcare industry, which is crucial in these post-pandemic days. Workshops, meetings and innovative classes and seminars continue to be a focus at the Belden Center.

I hope that you will join me in taking advantage of the opportunity to give back to the college that has invested so much in each of us. It could be a one-time gift to the Foundation, endowment of a scholarship to ensure that students of today and tomorrow have their best start for an unlimited future or a gift to perpetuate your legacy.

No matter the amount, your generosity will be utilized in an area of your choice or where it is most needed. Options include, but are not limited to, instruction, specific programs, athletics and unrestricted.

Each of us has our ICC story, one that has shaped us into who we are today. I hope that you will join me in continuing to assist in writing the stories of both students of today and tomorrow by shaping their lives and building their futures. With increasing living costs, students of all ages, especially adult learners, need our assistance to achieve their educational goals.

We can make a significant difference...together!



# *Gilmore Foundation*

HEALTHCARE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP





The Gilmore Foundation continues its long history of support for ICC and its students with the establishment of its new scholarship to benefit healthcare workers of the future.

The Gilmore Foundation Healthcare Endowed Scholarship is open to full-time students who are Mississippi residents majoring in a health science education program. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or higher. First preference will be students from Monroe County and second, those from the rest of ICC's district including Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee and Pontotoc counties. If there is no qualified candidate, other students may be considered.

The \$60,000 gift from the Gilmore Foundation will fund a \$57,000 endowment and provide \$3,000 to enable the scholarship to be awarded immediately for the 2022-23 academic year. The gift is endowed through the Itawamba Community College Foundation, Inc.

"We're very excited to be able to start this endowment at the level we were able to," said Skip Miles, Gilmore Foundation board chairman. "Supporting ICC is important because it prepares people for that next level. We are here because of healthcare, and we know how important it is to our local area as both a community service and an economic driver. We are very excited to be able to make a difference and to again be a partner with Itawamba Community College."

This is not the Gilmore Foundation's first time to support ICC's health science education programs. They provided \$1 million to help fund the construction of the Health Science Education Center on the west side of the

Tupelo Campus. The 80,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility, which opened in 2013, enables eight different allied health programs to utilize the team approach by educating and training students in the same environment, a unique concept in education.

The Gilmore Foundation also pioneered the concept of the community college tuition guarantee program for Monroe County students at ICC. That idea would later be replicated by the other four counties in ICC's district.

"Itawamba Community College appreciates its continuing partnership with the Gilmore Foundation and recognizes with gratitude all of the lives that it has touched with its past contributions to the construction of the Health Science Education Center and the tuition guarantee program, which provides funds to enable students to earn a degree at ICC," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "Many of those students are the first in their families to attend college."

The Gilmore Foundation is a private not-for-profit organization serving Monroe County. With the reallocation of its assets from the sale of Gilmore Memorial Hospital, the Foundation's rich history and community involvement continues. Guided by its tradition of serving humanity, it is committed to improving the quality of life in its community and surrounding area.

Current board members in addition to Miles include Ivan O. "Buddy" Bryant, Larry Clark, John Creekmore, Jon Alexander and Gary Franks.

*Pictured left to right, Rilla Jones, Jon Alexander, John Creekmore, Buddy Bryant, Skip Miles, Gary Franks, Dr. Dana Walker and Dr. Jay Allen.*

# PryorMorrow

## BUILDING ICC'S FUTURE

With the creation of two endowed funds, PryorMorrow Architects have invested in the futures of Itawamba Community College's students for years to come.

Created through the ICC Foundation, Inc., the PryorMorrow Endowed Scholarship and the PryorMorrow Academic Enrichment Endowment have become a reality through connections with ICC of the company's founding director/architect, Chris Morrow, AIA, and president/architect managing principal, Michael Taylor, AIA, both community college products.

Morrow's roots with ICC run deep. A Fulton native, both his grandmother and mother worked at the college. His grandmother retired from the cafeteria, and his mother spent more than 30 years in the registrar's office, starting under the administration of John Crubaugh, second ICC president. Morrow's fond memories include afternoons spent in her office after school and his days as a student at both IAHS and IJC, which shared the same campus. Although his educational journey took him to Mississippi State University, he said that "The best instructors I ever had were on this campus. I would not be here today without ICC."

Taylor said that all of the current owners in PryorMorrow had their start at a community college. As a first-generation college graduate, he noted their value. "Community colleges are a great steppingstone for so many people both financially and to get a start on their education."

Recipients of the endowed scholarship, which will be awarded beginning this fall, shall be full-time students who are Mississippi residents who are either majoring in art or enrolled in a health science program. The recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to retain the scholarship.

"The PryorMorrow Endowed Scholarship will greatly benefit art majors, who are often struggling financially," said Shawn Whittington, director of ICC's art department. "Providing funds to our students will relieve distracting burdens and allow

them to focus on the arduous demands of the curriculum. The ICC Art Department is grateful for the generosity and efforts of all involved who helped with this endowment."

The academic enrichment endowment will be utilized by ICC's president to support programs that enrich and enhance the student academic experience, which may include bringing in guest speakers or lecturers, hosting fine arts experiences or other opportunities.

"PryorMorrow believes strongly in giving service back to the community, and ICC is a perfect example of that," Morrow said. "It is what you do. Community colleges are all about service."

Both Morrow and Taylor also expressed their appreciation for the working relationship that their firm and ICC have. PryorMorrow has worked on several projects for ICC, including roof replacements, renovations at all three ICC locations as well as the transformation of a former bank building into the soccer complex at the Fulton Campus and most recently, Magnolia Hall, which opens this fall.

"We enjoy working with ICC and the planning vision that the administration has," Taylor said.

"The College appreciates its continued partnership with PryorMorrow," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "Their commitment to investing in ICC's current and future students through its design work for our structures and now this endowed scholarship as well as academic enrichment endowment will pay dividends in years to come in better futures for all of our students."

Since 1985, PryorMorrow has been changing Mississippi's landscape, growing from a two-man small business to Mississippi's trusted name in architecture by working closely with clients to design strong, innovative buildings. PryorMorrow's architects, engineers and interior designers transform facilities from construction to completion through incorporation of the highest standards.

*Pictured left to right, Dr. Jay Allen, Michael Taylor, Chris Morrow, Rilla Jones and Dr. Brandi McCraw.*





# Charles Morris

## OUTSTANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD



Charles Morris left quite a legacy with his 44 years of service at the North Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Authority in Tupelo, where he served as its director

from 1986 until his death in December 2021.

In addition, for more than 25 years, Morris served as an instructor for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-Basic) course at ICC, where he left a legacy as well. To honor both him and his dedicated service, his coworkers, friends and family have established the Charles Morris Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician Award, which will be presented to the most outstanding student who has completed the EMT-Basic course each year. It will also include a \$700 stipend.

“There is a quote that Charles came up with years ago, and we use it as EMS’s motto,” said Al Wright and Kathy Wood, current codirectors for the North Mississippi EMS authority. “Through the Thousands We Teach; The Millions We Touch. We feel that this award will honor that spirit that he embodied.”

Mississippians for EMS called Morris an EMS giant. Charles spent his life in service to others through his years of service as an EMT and his leadership of North Mississippi Training

Authority. Countless lives have been saved as a result of the impeccable training he provided for EMTs, EMS drivers, EMRs and paramedics.

“Itawamba Community College is honored that the North Mississippi EMS has created an award for the EMT-Basic program in memory of Mr. Morris,” said Josh Gammill, director of continuing education. “Mr. Morris’s support and partnership with the EMT-Basic program was instrumental in the foundation of the program, and we are grateful that this legacy will live on through this award while continuing to benefit the students who are choosing the profession that he dedicated his life to.”

Current ICC EMT-Paramedic instructor Kristi Glasson agrees. “Countless lives have been saved as a result of his leadership, his training and his demand for excellence. The impact that Charles Morris made on EMS will not be forgotten. It will, in fact, live on through the thousands he reached!”

EMT-Basic is an instructional course that prepares individuals to function in the prehospital environment. It provides instruction in basic life support care of sick and injured persons, including airway assessment; communications; documentation; general pharmacology; hemorrhage control; ambulance operations; splinting of adult, pediatric and infant patients and special care of patients exposed to heat, cold radiation or contagious diseases. Participants in the program intern with an ambulance service providing advanced life support services to the community.



# NATURAL SCIENCE CONTRIBUTION

## *"Dream Come True"*

Itawamba Community College's Natural Science Department has a new tool to enhance the teaching and learning experience for faculty and students.

Dr. Raymond Mathis, who co-owns Shiloh Apothecary in Corinth, with his wife, Dr. Stephanie Mathis, recently donated a Microsphere 4x2 Aseptic Isolator Glove Box for use in the science labs.

The device is an aseptic sterilizer, which has a vacuum filtration system that provides a sterile environment for working with microorganisms, sterile materials or chemicals in the lab, according to Dr. Jada Mills, Natural Science division chair and biology instructor. It can be used for aseptic techniques for students in microbiology or general biology as well as a portable hood for chemistry.

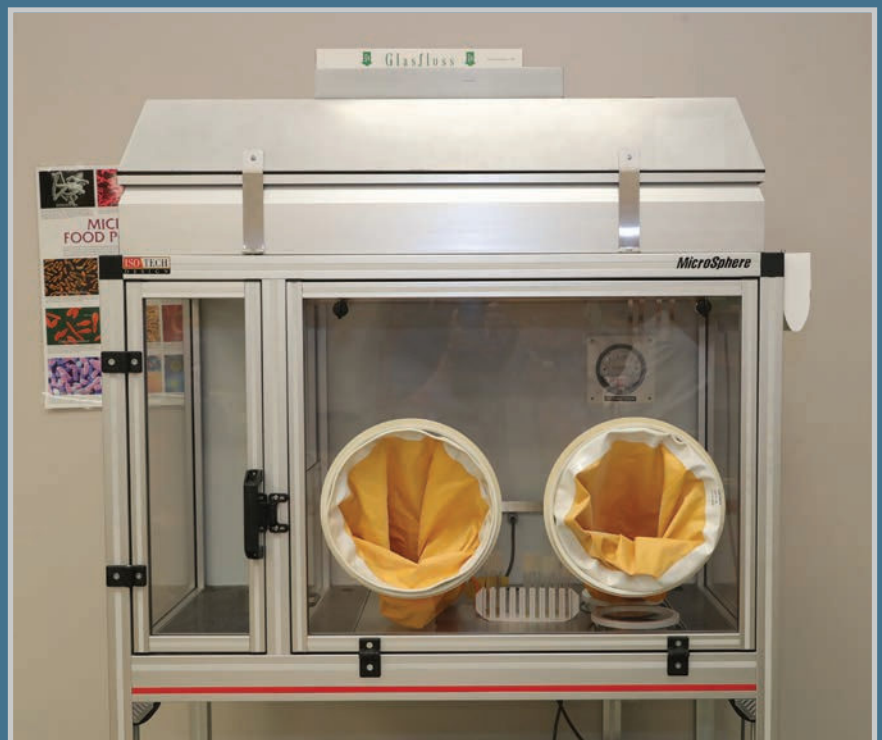
"Natural Science is very appreciative of Dr. Mathis's thoughtful donation of the aseptic sterilizer," Mills said. "We have gained a new piece of equipment that would not have been purchased but will be utilized in microbiology and general biology courses."

Members of the Natural Science

faculty are excited for this new addition that will impact their students.

"The Aseptic Sterilizer is a piece of equipment that I have always described to my students when teaching septic technique in the lab," said biology instructor Denise Rakestraw. "Thanks to Dr. Mathis, our students now have access to one here at ICC."

Mathis also serves as the Pharmacy Residency program director at Magnolia Regional Health Center.



# W E L C O M E

## New Foundati



**TOMMY  
CHAMBLEE**

Tommy Chamblee, who attended ICC from 1986-87, is the CEO for First American National Bank. He has been recognized as the 2019 IAHS Alumnus of the Year, the 2006 FBLA Business Person of the Year and 2007 Mississippi Young Bankers County Chairman of the Year and voted Best Banker of Itawamba County for several years. He serves as an executive board member of United Way of Northeast Mississippi and on the Three Rivers Planning and Development District Small Business Loan Program committee.



**BETH  
CLEVELAND**

Fulton native Beth Cleveland now resides in Kingwood, Tex. She attended ICC where she participated in intercollegiate athletics and pursued a major in math and science education. She is a 1987 graduate of Ole Miss with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Beth's career includes math and science teacher, private tutor, homemaker and volunteer. She and her husband, John, were ICC's 2017 Alumnus of the Year.



# on Board Members



**JUANITA  
FLOYD**

Juanita Floyd is the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration for the CREATE Foundation in Tupelo, which she has served for more than 35 years. Her responsibilities include managing all financial aspects of the operation of the Foundation and the oversight of assets. A popular inspirational speaker and columnist, she provided the keynote address for the 2020 ICC Unity program. Juanita is active in community affairs and serves on several boards.



**RUBYE DEL  
HARDEN**

Rubye Del Harden, Fulton native, graduated from ICC in 1964 and was the 2005 ICC Alumnus of the Year. From 1977-99, Harden was publisher of The Itawamba County Times in Fulton. She is president of RESULTS, Inc., a consulting firm founded in 1980 to facilitate community leadership programs. She owns Sprint Print and The Dance Studio in Tupelo. Rubye Del is a Rotarian and served as a charter member of the Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi.



**DR. C.K.  
"DICK" WHITE**

Dr. Dick White, who grew up in Fulton, retired as the chief medical officer at North Mississippi Health Services following a 38-year career as a local obstetrician-gynecologist. He now serves on the North Mississippi Medical Center board. From 2018-20, Dick also was chief quality and safety medical officer for North Mississippi Health Services, and since 2016, executive board member of Connected Care Partners CIN. From 1969-71, he was a student at ICC, where he played for the baseball team.



**ITAWAMBA**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



In late April, Itawamba Community College was selected among 25 semifinalists for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, a milestone in the selection process.

ICC and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College were the only public two-year institutions in the state to be selected for this prestigious honor.

The \$1 million Aspen Prize is the nation's signature recognition of community colleges that are achieving high, improving and equitable outcomes for students.

In years past, only 10 finalists have been named, and the change is designed to highlight the increased number of colleges across the country doing excellent work, according to the announcement

from the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.

"Being selected as a semifinalist from among eligible community colleges across the nation is not only an honor, but it is monumental for ICC to be chosen among the top two-year institutions across America to continue to compete for the significant Aspen Prize," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is another indication of the success of the College, its continuing status as a premier community college and a testament to our exceptional faculty, staff and students, without whom it would not be possible."

Awarded every two years, the Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding performance in five critical areas: teaching and

learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success and equitable outcomes for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds. ICC was also selected as a top community college in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021, but this is the first time it has achieved semifinalist status.

The prize selection process began in October 2021, when the Aspen Institute invited 150 community colleges to apply based on data showing strong and improving student outcomes in key areas such as retention, completion, transfer and equity.



# SAVE THE DATE



- 9.8** PRESIDENT'S TAILGATE/FRESHMAN RUN
- 9.15** BEAT NORTHEAST COMMUNITY TAILGATE
- 10.6** HOMECOMING
- 10.13** ALL-AMERICAN SALUTE
- 10.27** PINK OUT/SOPHOMORE NIGHT

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## 2022 **HOME** | AWAY SCHEDULE



THURS. SEPT. 1  
JONES



THURS. OCT. 6  
HOLMES



THURS. SEPT. 8  
GULF COAST



THURS. OCT. 13  
HINDS



THURS. SEPT. 15  
NORTHEAST



SAT. OCT. 22  
EAST MISS.



THURS. SEPT. 22  
NORTHWEST



THURS. OCT. 27  
COAHOMA



THURS. SEPT. 29  
MISS. DELTA





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“Since the beginning of the project, the goal was to bring the outdated space that is abundantly utilized by our students, employees and the community...back to life.”

-PRESIDENT DR. JAY ALLEN

## W.O. BENJAMIN FINE ARTS CENTER RENOVATION

**I**t a w a m b a Community College formally reopened the newly-renovated W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus during a ribbon cutting, Apr. 20.

Renovations began in the fall of 2021 to restore the decades-old 24,000-square-foot facility, which had not

received any major work since it was built in 1978. With upgrades to almost every inch of the facility, the state-of-the-art auditorium, lecture space, exhibit hall and lobby now boast modern designs that are more inviting to guests. The renovations were designed by McCarty Architects.

Prior to and during its formal opening, ICC

celebrated the Week of the Arts, Apr. 19-22, with several special events at the Fulton Campus, including CenterStage, Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble and Choir/Chamber Choir concerts and a Fashion Show.







“This is just phase one of the plans while phase two will include a complete audio and visual package to be installed later this year followed by the conception of phase three to reconfigure the entrance patio that ultimately welcomes the guests to the fine arts complex.”

-PRESIDENT DR. JAY ALLEN





# JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Today*

Active membership in the ICC Alumni Association enables you to contribute to almost every part of the college while keeping alumni and friends connected to ICC. In return, the Association provides you with a host of benefits, including

- Subscription to Connection magazine
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- Free admission to ICC sporting events
- Discounts at the ICC Bookstores
- Discounted membership to the ICC Fitness Center
- Use of the ICC Libraries and their resources
- Making a difference at ICC by supporting your alma mater

For more information on the ICC Alumni Association or for the membership application, visit [www.iccms.edu/Alumni](http://www.iccms.edu/Alumni).



# From the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Alumni Association President

## CHUCK HOWELL

It is an honor to serve as Alumni Board president because I have a special opportunity to continue my connection with Itawamba Community College. I enjoyed attending the Outstanding Faculty Members and Retirees Award Ceremony at the recently-renovated W. O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center on May 6. Congratulations to those honored and thank you for your service.

On May 12, I attended the Adult Education Commencement ceremony where Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley was the guest speaker. Among his many encouragements to the graduates, he reminded us that each day is a gift from God, and only you and God truly know if you have given your best effort for that day.

The following day, I attended both the morning and afternoon Commencements for the A.A. and A.A.S. degrees and the evening ceremony for the health science majors. President Jay Allen complimented the graduates by saying, "Through it all, you remained faithful to your goal — a symbol of your determination and the value you placed on your ICC education."

My past two years as Alumni Association president have truly been a blessing. I humbly appreciate the support of all ICC alumni, administration, faculty, staff, students and friends for their devotion to this award-winning community college. Best wishes to Alumni Association President-Elect John Lee Lyles during his upcoming term when we will celebrate ICC's Diamond Anniversary.

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2022







Commencement



# ALUMNI ASSIST STUDENTS

**I**tawamba Community College alumni are always giving back, but many times, we don't always know their stories.

Last spring, two ICC alumni shared their time and expertise to help current students prepare for their journey into the workforce.

Stephanie Baldwyn ('05), assistant vice president of human resources at Trustmark National Bank in Tupelo, and Jon Bramlett ('13), corporate human resources manager at JESCO, Inc., participated in two Career Center-sponsored mock interview days in April.

Interview rooms were set up on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses to mirror the experience of interviewing for a job, according to Career Center Coordinator Carla Rose Garrett. Students were encouraged to sign up for appointment slots via social media, word-of-mouth and collegewide emails.

"Interviews can be very intimidating and overwhelming," Baldwyn said. "I chose to participate to provide students with insightful feedback about their interview skills and to help boost their confidence for future job interviews."

Bramlett said that when he was contacted about assisting with the Mock Interview Day, he knew that he wanted to be involved. "ICC helped pave the way and prepare me for a professional career by providing me the tools necessary to succeed. With that in mind, the opportunity to give back and help prepare current students for future opportunities was a no brainer. Students arrived at the interviews prepared and eager to receive feedback. It was a very positive and encouraging experience overall. I am confident the students who chose to participate gained some insight in this process that will prepare them for long-term successful careers. The Mock Interview Day was another

great example of how ICC links students with industry to further our community."

"This special opportunity was offered to help students gain practical business communication experience while improving their interviewing skills," Garrett said. "We hope that by teaching them job search techniques that we can increase their chances of getting employed. We appreciate ICC's alumni assisting us with this yearly event because the students receive valuable feedback from professionals working in their own communities in fields of interest to them."

The Career Center, which serves as a supportive career planning resource for Itawamba Community College, empowers students to engage in their own career development through endeavors that propel them toward becoming productive postgraduate employees and contributing participants in their communities," Garrett said. They include, but are not limited to, guiding students in self-understanding and more informed choices, facilitating career options and career-related resources, educating them about employment readiness/professional preparedness, assisting with connections between academics and career goals and providing encouragement.



# Welcome

## NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

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SHIRLEY PRATHER

CALEB RAMEY

JEFFREY TALLY

ERIC WALTERS

PAM WHEELER

# FREEWILL



For almost 75 years, ICC has provided high-quality and affordable education to thousands of students in Mississippi and beyond.

Thanks in large part to your ongoing generosity, ICC has continued its service to the larger community and enhanced lifelong learning.

To express appreciation to those who are making and continue to make ICC a part your story, ICC has partnered with FreeWill to provide an online tool to write legal wills at no cost.

“I know that this is a surprising resource from ICC,” said Michael Upton, director of advancement, “but estate planning is one of the most important tasks you can complete and an easy way to support and protect what you love. We think that this resource will be a way for you to have peace of mind and create a plan for your future just as your support has ensured ICC can continue to educate thousands of students.”

This resource removes the costs associated with writing a

will, making estate planning free and accessible for all, Upton said. It has been used by more than 48,000 Americans to write their free wills.

Individuals who utilize this service will also have the option to include a legacy gift with ICC and make their future a part of ours, Upton continued.

To take advantage of this service, go to [www.freewill.com/icc](http://www.freewill.com/icc)

*Grand Opening*



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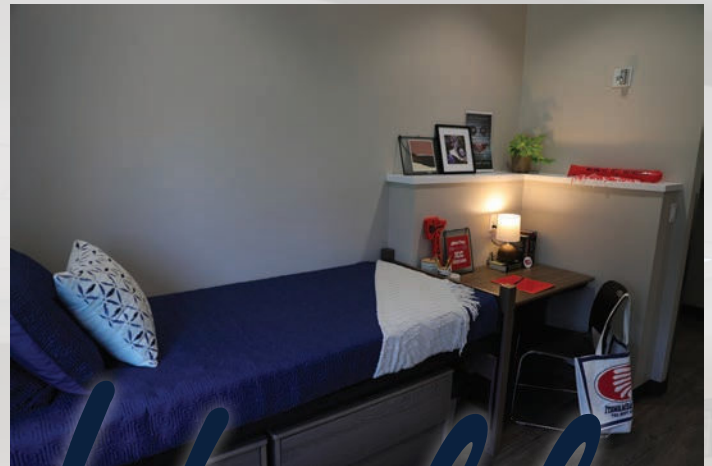


ICC formally opened Magnolia Hall with a ribbon cutting ceremony, July 14. The 72,000-square-foot three-story residence has 246 beds, customizable halls/wings for separated male and female occupancy and two efficiency apartments as well as one for the hall director. The facility features collaborative study areas, some with televisions

that can be mirrored to student computers. It has the latest HVAC and lighting controls and a new system that allows entry via student ID card. Residence requirements include preferred 24 ACT score, maintaining a 3.0 GPA and active in student involvement/leadership. WAR Construction, Inc. of Tuscaloosa, Ala. was the general contractor, and PryorMorrow PC, the architect.

“Magnolia Hall will provide an

opportunity for 246 additional students to experience the total college with on-campus housing,” said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. “Even with the addition of this state-of-the-art facility, ICC still has a waiting list of more than 350 students for campus housing. We express our appreciation to those who played a role in the construction of this much-needed facility, especially to our Board of Trustees.”



Magnolia Hall





# Pink Out

North Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Care sponsored several Pink Out events that highlighted Breast Cancer Awareness at ICC's athletic events this past year including football, women's basketball and softball.

ICC alumni and friends who are cancer survivors served as honorary coaches. Fans who attended received free lifesaving information, and the teams wore pink in memory and honor of those who have battled the disease.

Supporters of the event hope that greater knowledge will lead to earlier detection, which is associated with higher long-term survival rates.



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# New Era FOR ICC ATHLETICS

Dr. Chad Case, ICC director of housing and residence life for the last 13 years, has been named Dean of Students and Athletic Director, effective July 1.

Case began his new duties following the retirement of Carrie Ball-Williamson whose 41-year career included women's basketball and softball coach and athletic director.

In his new combined role, Case will assume Ball-Williamson's duties while overseeing athletic student discipline, the ICC Fitness Center and club sports.

Case, who was hired in 2002, served as an assistant baseball coach under current Indian head coach Rick Collier before taking over as head softball coach in 2008.

In 2010, he was named Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges North Division Coach of the Year after leading the Indians to the program's first-ever North Division Championship and back-to-back National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 tournament appearances. He finished his four-year coaching career with an overall record of 103 wins

and 47 losses.

Case's program ranked among the nation's leaders in grade point average with several players earning MACJC and NJCAA academic honors. Also, his teams were valuable members of the community through numerous service projects.

Ball-Williamson coached the Lady Indians basketball team for 13 seasons before stepping down to serve as full-time athletic director. Her honors have included the 2011 NJCAA Loyalty Award for exemplary leadership both on- and off-the-field and induction into the 2012 ICC Athletic Hall of Fame and the 2014 Mississippi Association of Junior and Community Colleges Sports Hall of Fame. She earned Coach of the Year honors twice in basketball while guiding her Lady Indians to two North Division titles. Her softball teams won three North Division championships and one state title. She also was the College's director of student activities for 10 years.





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The Indian Club supports Itawamba Community College's athletics. Through its efforts, more than 200 male and female student-athletes have the opportunity not only to represent the Indians in competition, but also to receive an unparalleled education that will develop them into leaders of tomorrow.

Gifts to the Indian Club provide funds to enable our student-athletes to participate in projects above and beyond the current budgets. With reductions in federal and state budgets, the support of the fundraising efforts through alumni, friends and former athletes has become more necessary than ever.

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(former instructor)

Floyd Anderson Jr., Okolona, 2.13.22

Barbara Shannon Armstrong, Plantersville, 1.27.22

Bruce Wayne Austin, Pontotoc, 1.15.22

Alford Bell, Houston, 2.21.22

(former member of the ICC Board of Trustees)

Harold Tice Bishop, Eggville, 1.7.22

Anthony Fidel “Amp” Black, Tupelo, 1.3.22

Malissia Jane Shumpert Bogan, Shannon, 2.6.22

Mary Kay “KK” Bramlett, Tupelo, 1.18.22

(part-time at the Tupelo Campus Library)

Freda Floyce Browning, Hurricane, 2.18.22

Judge Robert Kenneth “Ken” Coleman, New Albany, 1.25.22

Dorothy Jean Cook, Shannon, 2.15.22

Twila Lavelle Wade Dye, Shannon, 12.3.21

Mary Kathryn Fowler, Plantersville, 2.4.22

Betty Graham, Fulton, 2.15.22

(worked in the cafeteria)

Elvin Graham, Fulton, 1.8.22

Mary Sue Mabus Graham, Fairview, 2.9.22

Thomas Wayne Greer, Nesbit, 1.23.22

Joel Hale, Pontotoc, 4.30.22

Timothy Wayne (Tim) Hallmark, Auburn, 4.18.22

Don Holcomb, Fulton, 2.1.22

Linda Faye Ivy, Pontotoc, 1.10.22

Rhonda Carol Hood Kelly, Shiloh, 12.14.21

Thomas Riley Kennedy, Tupelo, 12.14.21

Robert William Kwasinski Jr.,

Hickory Flat, 3.14.22

Prentice Allen Lanphere, Slatillo, 12.26.21

Patsy Lee Majors Lyle, Smithville, 3.5.22

Troy Sylvan Maxcy Jr., Tupelo, 12.23.21

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Brent Norris, Fulton, 1.17.22

Sarah Grace Pate, New Albany, 12.12.21

Ulric Gary Phillips, Germantown, Tenn., 2.5.22

Betty McLaughlin Presley, Gulf Shores, Ala./  
Pontotoc, 3.1.22

Sidney Ray Priest, Blue Springs, 1.8.22

Brian Ray Robinson, Amory, 12.18.21

Claude Morgan Roebuck, Tupelo/

Elizabethtown, Ky., 7.17.21

Jeanette Shumpert, Dorsey, 5.31.22

Coach James Harold “Booty” Sloan,

Tupelo, 6.22 (former IJC Coach)

William Stevenson Jr., Amory, 2.14.22

Cathy Ann Tucker, Smithville, 2.12.22

Dorothy Pauline White, Fulton, 1.23.22

Jimmy Leon Willis Jr., Tupelo, 6.10.22

James Matthew “Matt” Wright, Tupelo, 3.19.22

Judy McCary Wright, Amory, 6.21.22

# Marriages

Carley Carruth of Belden to **Matthew Barkley** of Mooreville, 3.12.22

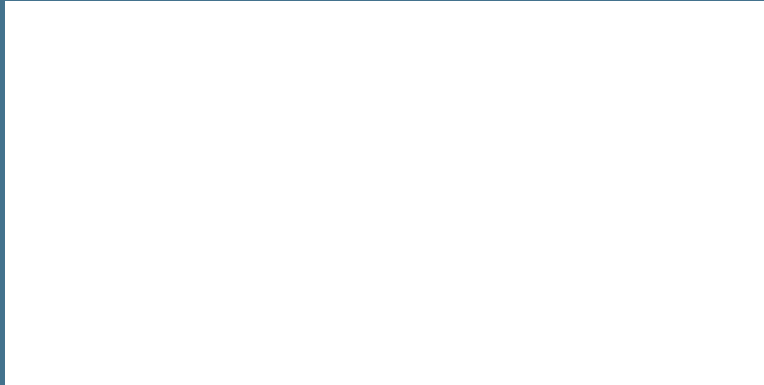
**Shelby Katherine Quarles** of Randolph to Cooper Bradley Knight of Pontotoc, 4.2.22





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